

## **MINUTES**

### **MONTANA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES 61st LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION**

#### **JOINT APPROPRIATIONS SUBCOMMITTEE ON JUDICIAL BRANCH, LAW ENFORCEMENT, AND JUSTICE**

**Call to Order:** Chairman Ray Hawk, on March 12, 2009 at 10:00  
A.M., in Room 350 Capitol

#### **ROLL CALL**

**Members Present:**

Rep. Ray Hawk, Chairman (R)  
Sen. Keith Bales (R)  
Sen. Steven Gallus (D)  
Rep. Dennis Getz (D)  
Rep. Cynthia Hiner (D)  
Rep. Bill Nooney (R)

**Members Excused:** None

**Members Absent:** Sen. John Brueggeman, Vice Chairman (R)

**Staff Present:** Debbie Carlson, Committee Secretary  
Brent Doig, OBPP  
Pat Gervais, Legislative Branch

**Audio Committees:** These minutes are in outline form only. They provide a list of participants and a record of official action taken by the committee. The link to the audio recording of the meeting is available on the Legislative Branch website.

**Committee Business Summary:**

Hearing & Date Posted: HB 645, 3/10/2009

Executive Action: None

00:00:00 Chairman Hawk  
00:04:02 Rep. Hiner  
00:04:47 Pat Gervais, Legislative Fiscal Division  
**EXHIBIT(jch55a01)**  
00:05:57 Rep. Hiner  
00:06:20 Ms. Gervais  
00:07:34 Rep. Hiner  
00:08:14 Chairman Hawk  
00:08:21 Ms. Gervais  
00:08:38 Chairman Hawk  
00:08:50 Rep. Hiner  
00:09:10 Ms. Gervais  
00:11:44 Chairman Hawk  
00:11:58 Sen. Gallus  
00:12:54 Chairman Hawk  
00:13:27 Mike Ferriter, Director, Montana Department of  
Corrections  
00:18:33 Rep. Getz  
00:19:17 Mr. Ferriter  
00:20:28 Ms. Gervais  
00:21:13 Chairman Hawk  
00:21:30 Mr. Ferriter  
00:23:18 Chairman Hawk  
00:23:42 Ms. Gervais  
00:24:04 Chairman Hawk  
00:24:08 Mike McGrath, Chief Justice, Montana Supreme Court  
00:29:47 Chairman Hawk  
00:30:01 Mr. McGrath  
00:30:06 Rep. Hiner  
00:30:17 Mr. McGrath  
00:30:31 Ed Bartlett, Attorney, Billings, Montana (former  
Chairman, State Bar of Montana)  
00:31:56 Chairman Hawk  
00:32:02 J.C Weingartner, MEA/MFT  
00:37:13 Chirman Hawk  
00:37:17 David Ortley, Justice of Peace, Flathead County  
00:40:56 Rep. Hiner  
00:41:26 Ms. Gervais  
00:41:51 Rep. Hiner  
00:41:55 Ms. Gervais  
00:42:04 Sen. Bales  
00:42:25 Chairman Hawk  
00:42:40 Nancy Sweeney, Lewis and Clark County Clerk of Court  
00:44:05 Chairman Hawk  
00:44:16 Skip Culver, Department of Justice  
00:44:56 Ms. Gervais  
00:45:29 Mr. Culver

00:45:40 Rep. Nooney  
00:45:52 Mr. Culver  
00:46:11 Ms. Gervais  
00:46:46 Chairman Hawk  
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00:52:14 Rep. Getz  
00:52:33 Ms. Gervais  
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00:53:46 Chairman Hawk  
00:54:01 Don Merritt, Fiscal Officer, Montana Board of Crime  
Control  
00:55:39 Ms. Gervais  
00:56:00 Mr. Merritt  
00:56:10 Sen. Bales  
00:56:36 Mr. Merritt  
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00:57:38 Ms. Gervais  
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00:58:55 Sen. Bales  
00:59:57 Brent Doig, Office of Budget and Program Planning  
01:00:21 Chairman Hawk  
01:00:31 Mr. Merritt  
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**ADJOURNMENT**

01:42:35 Adjournment: 12:00 P.M.

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Debbie Carlson, Secretary

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Additional Documents:

**EXHIBIT ([jch55aad.pdf](#))**